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1. CONFIRMING RIDGWAY/CORR TELECON OF SEPTEMBER 29
RESPONDING TO REQUEST IN REFTTEL, DEPARTMENT WILL DO
WHAT IT CAN TO FACILITATE THE VISIT OF THE ECUADORIAN
FISHERIES COMMISSION. RECOGNIZING THAT TIME IS
SHORT, WE NONETHELESS WILL APPROACH INDUSTRIES AND
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INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY ECUADORIANS AND OTHERS

KNOWN TO US LIKELY TO BE OF INTEREST. WE WILL USE ALL OF THE MEANS AVAILABLE TO US TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. IN DOING SO, WE PLAN TO ADVISE BOTH THE COMPANIES AND THE PEOPLE INVOLVED AT THIS END THAT WE BELIEVE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS BASED ON MUTUAL BENEFIT ARE NOT REPEAT NOT INCONSISTENT WITH LAW OF THE SEA OR EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE FISHERIES DISPUTE. INDEED IT MAY BE A CONSTRUCTIVE STEP WITH RESPECT TO THE LATTER.

2. IN RESPONDING AS POSITIVELY AS WE CAN TO THE ECUADORIAN COMMISSION REQUEST, WE WANT TO

UNDERLINE THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO UNDUE EXPECTATIONS WITH RESPECT TO OUR INFLUENCE WITH THE U.S. INDUSTRY. WE CANNOT AS A GOVERNMENT TELL THE INDUSTRY THAT IT SHOULD (OR SHOULD NOT) ENTER INTO SUCH ARRANGEMENTS. IT IS LOGICAL TO ASSUME OF COURSE, THAT AGREEMENTS TRULY BASED ON MUTUAL BENEFIT WILL HAVE ECONOMIC BENEFITS WHICH WILL DO THEIR OWN PERSUADING. EVEN SO, HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS ARE NOT THE COMPLETE ANSWER TO THE INTERIM PROBLEM WE FACE IN THE TUNA FISHERY OFF ECUADOR.

3. WE ARE CERTAIN EMBASSY ALREADY HAS HAD OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE THESE POINTS TO MEMBERS OF ECUADORIAN COMMISSION. WE WOULD ALSO WANT TO CONVEY TO THE ECUADORIANS THAT OUR ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMISSION AND OUR BELIEF THAT ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS BASED ON MUTUAL BENEFIT ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH LAW OF THE SEA, DO NOT REPEAT NOT IN ANY WAY IMPLY ACCEPTANCE OF THE ECUADORIAN CLAIM OR A SHIFT IN OUR POLICY OF NEUTRALITY ON A QUESTION OF THE PURCHASE OF LICENSES. INGERSOLL

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